

**Tok Area Public Lands Information Center
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**Facility Program Summary
Handout**

Facility Program:

What is it?

A facility program is a planning document that identifies the activities and functions which will be housed in a facility/building. For each activity or function, the required area is estimated and notations added which describe the activity and any special characteristics. The program describes the relationship between activities and generally how spaces within buildings should be organized.

How is it used?

A facility program is used in several ways. In the first instance, it provides a good idea of the size of a building, the spaces within it, and the size of the site that will be required. Using rule of thumb cost factors, budgets can be established. Additionally, a program forms the basis upon which buildings are designed.

It is also possible to develop several program options which may be estimated, providing flexibility in the planning and budgeting process.

Terms?

There are two terms that it is important to understand when reviewing programs. One is the difference between gross and net area. Gross area is the total building area including partitions, exterior walls, hallways and stairways, mechanical and electrical rooms. The net area is the actual space used for each particular activity. We typically arrive at gross areas by using rule of thumb factors which increase the net areas appropriately. As you review this summary, the areas are rounded from the actual program document and the sums approximate the totals.

Tok Area Public Lands Information Center:

The following is a summary of the draft program for the Tok Area Public Lands Information Center.

As noted above, there are potentially three separate but related components:

I. Alaska Public Lands Information Center (APLIC)

The principal activity will be the Alaska Public Lands Information Center (APLIC). It will be operated by the State of Alaska, Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Primary funding for the APLIC will come through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Federal Highway Administration. The current program estimates that the area of this component will be approximately 7,900 net square feet (nsf), and 9,650 gross square feet (gsf).

Activities and functions include the following:

Information Counter with four stations, including one station for the Alaska Marine Highway.	890 nsf
Theater/Auditorium capable of accommodating 200. This space will also include a platform for presentations, projection booth, and chair storage area.	2,010 nsf
Exhibit Area will allow space for three 1,500 sf galleries. Exhibits will include general information on Alaska Public Lands and specific information on the Interior, the Border Lands, and on the Tetlin Refuge.	4,850 nsf
ANHA Book Sales area, will provide visitors access to only those media publications which deal directly with Alaska Public Lands.	500 nsf
Lobby will provide an entry and orientation area for visitors, a service counter, and visitor facilities, including restrooms.	890 nsf
Public Conference Room will provide space for 25.	625 nsf
Administrative areas include offices for staff, work rooms, break room, storage areas and employee restrooms.	1,020 nsf

As currently envisioned, the basic site area for bus, visitor, and employee parking and landscaping, is 2 acres. If an interpretive trail were included, the total area would be 5 acres.

II. US Fish and Wildlife Administrative Headquarters

This component is an option which may be collocated on the APLIC site. It would be built with Federal Department of the Interior Funds. The advantage in collocation is that a portion of the APLIC would be staffed by USFWS personnel. The programmed areas of this component as currently planned are approximately 6,460 net square feet, and 8,505 gross square feet. The garage and unheated storage areas add an additional 6,110 nsf.

The program for this component calls for:

Public Information and Reception Counter	500 nsf
Library for public resource materials	500 nsf
Staff Offices and work spaces	5,460 nsf
Garage and unheated storage areas	6,110 nsf

The site area required for this component is an additional 1.45 acres.

III. BLM Headquarters

As with the USFWS Headquarters, this function could also be collocated with the APLIC for similar reasons. The programmed areas of this component are 3,700 net square feet, and 4,870 gross square feet. The garage and warehouse areas add another 1,275 gross square feet.

The program for this component calls for:

Public Information and Reception Counter	500 nsf
Staff Offices and work spaces	3,200 nsf
Garage and unheated storage areas	1,275 nsf

The site additional site area for this component is 0.7 acres.

Total Site Area Requirements, All Components:

There are several alternatives for establishing the total site area requirement for these facilities as follows:

APLIC

Basic area: 2 acres

With Interpretive Trails: 5 acres

APLIC plus USFWS Headquarters

Basic area: 3.45 acres

With Interpretive Trails: 6.45 acres

APLIC plus USFWS and BLM Headquarters

Basic area: 4.14 acres

With Interpretive Trails: 7.14 acres